

# State's Welfare Program Slated For New Studies

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One sizzling legislative issue which probably will not appear on the docket for our 1964 Special Session may nevertheless exert a powerful influence on the results of our Budget and Special Sessions. This is the question of whether or not to modify in any way the drastically changed welfare program passed at the 1963 General Session.

Core of the controversy is the county-administered aid to needy children system. Scheduled to go into effect February 1st is its expansion to include families where the breadwinner is living with his family, but unemployed. Supported

originally by many counties, this provision is now causing so many administrative headaches that all counties, through their association, have united to request that the matter be included in the Governor's call for the Special Session, to permit at least postponement of the effective date.

THE GOVERNOR recently slammed the door on this possibility, saying he has reached a firm decision against reopening the battle on this topic. At the time he signed the bill last spring, he was quoted as saying that it was the most important single piece of welfare legislation adopted during his administration.

Spokesmen for county government advance two arguments for postponement. They maintain that there is a shortage of professional social work personnel which will make it impossible to staff the expanded program until late summer or fall. They also assert that the expansion will be far more costly than was anticipated, and that the counties will not be able to meet the additional costs until the start of the new fiscal year July 1.

TAXPAYER-oriented groups have also insisted that the mat-

ter be put on the Special Session agenda. They differ from the counties, however, and argue for major modifications in the law, or for outright repeal of the changes, rather than for only postponement of the effective date. The entire Legislature is being polled for its reaction.

At the risk of losing state and federal grants, one county has already decided not to enlarge its program. Another county has declared that unemployed parents will be required to participate in its work relief program, which

may also threaten loss of funds.

RELIABLE COST estimates of the new program are difficult to make. Perhaps the best available are those of our Legislative Analyst, made at the time the bill was last amended. He fixed the total added cost of the children's aid program at \$18.6 million for this year, \$40.1 million for following years. Of this last total, \$12 million would be federal funds, \$11 million state, and only \$7 million county. This would represent a sizeable reduction in

county costs, but the total cost to taxpayers would be upped to the \$40 million.

While the Governor's refusal to include the matter in the special session will block direct action on it, legislative opponents of the change are considering ways and means of approaching the problem indirectly, perhaps by close attention to the welfare portions of the Budget to be submitted by the Governor the first week in February. This could mean a really tough battle which might well affect the future of this children's aid program.

## Discharge Petition Gets New Signatures Reports Becker

Congressman Frank Becker (R-N.Y.), announced in Washington this week his discharge petition to bring a proposed constitutional amendment to a vote now has 126 signatures.

Becker, who is sponsoring the amendment which would permit prayers and Bible reading in the public schools, said a total of 219 signatures is needed to bring the amendment out of the House Judiciary Committee. The discharge petition has been circulating

since June 19. The congressman, long a leader in the fight to amend the Constitution and thus overrule the Supreme Court decision on school prayers, talked with The HERALD about the discharge petition in December.

In making the announcement of the new totals, Becker noted the entire process must begin again if the discharge petition fails during this session of congress.



HEART SUNDAY CHAIRMAN . . . Mrs. Joseph P. Merino, Southwestern unit chairman for the Heart Sunday Weekend campaign, Feb. 13 to 16, receives Heart Neighbor roster from John Dyer, Dominguez Heart Sunday leader. Mrs. Merino, serving as unit chairman for the second year, urges all persons who can volunteer a few hours towards the Heart Sunday campaign to call the Los Angeles County Heart Assn., at 371-3591.

## Assignment TV

By TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

Trader Vic's, one of a chain of fashionable filling stations with an Oriental menu and Sadies Thompson decor, ran into a bad service problem this week. Let me tell you about it.

I seldom have the occasion to frequent its premises so I was slightly ill-at-ease among the lobster pots and gardenias, sipping a tropical drink advertised as a mild aphrodisiac and trying to keep my eyes focused on Glen Graham, a fellow member of the working press.

This was not easy because she was dressed in red trimmed in a stylish kind of fur piece that kept dragging through my aperitif.

No sooner had the straw in my drink began to fray at the ends when a waitress careened out of the shrubbery with a tray of pans and a lopsided grin on her face and headed straight for me. Before I could extricate myself from Miss Graham's fur pelts and step briskly aside like a cautious matador, the poor wretch had upturned her tray all over my new suit which is not yet paid for and needs another fitting.

good old days of NBC's "Your Show of Shows" — 13 years ago (that's right — 13 years ago) — when Miss Coca and Sid Caesar were both newcomers and almost overnight became America's best known comedy team.

"I'm fairly good at improvisation and I think it would be a lot of fun to be in another revue, but I wouldn't ever want to be a producer or a director. Oh, heavens! I just want to be an employee. And I don't paint pictures! I'm the only actress in the business who doesn't paint. Do you realize that? The ONLY ONE who doesn't paint."

She does everything else.

### Member of Area Red Cross Goes To State Meet

Mrs. N. Zupparde, member of the board of directors of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross office, was among the more than 1,000 volunteers from throughout California who attended the organization's state conference held Thursday through yesterday in Sacramento.

The convention program included plans for further development of current Red Cross activities as well as the initiation of new services to meet the increasing needs of the growing population.

### Chorus Open to Male Vocalists

Male vocalists are being sought to participate in the Marymount College adult chorus, previously composed of women.

Assistant conductor Michael Zearott stated chorus members must have a knowledge of elementary sight reading. Information concerning auditions may be obtained by telephoning the college in Palos Verdes Estates.

THAT'S HOW I ran into Imogene Coca again after nearly 10 years. She had been talked into a stunt by Tony Habeeb, one of Hollywood's bright young public relations men, and was far more nervous about the crash than I was.

It is difficult to believe that the rubber-faced comedienne who has been involved in more wild skits than anyone this side of Lucille Ball, could be nervous about staging this one.

"But I've never done one in a real restaurant before!" she wailed.

Miss Coca and publicist Habeeb were in town to let the press know that her show "Grindl" is planning a new season — even if they have to drop a tray to do it.

DESPITE MISS COCA's extroverted career on the television screen, she is, in person, shy and unsophisticated—and totally charming.

As usual, the talk inevitably drifted to memories of the

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